

Mr. Coffey

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Re: attached - You are correct in assuming that there will be a revision of [redacted] after the matter of "briefing requests from academic groups" is settled. There are many other facets to the proposed revision of [redacted] which have already been coordinated with all interested elements and the only remaining question is the one on the briefing requests from academic groups.

[redacted] has not called the "next meeting" yet. However, it should be some time next week and [redacted], as before, will attend. You might send this note on to him so that he can, in my absence, continue to keep you abreast of developments.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting Re "Handling of Briefing Requests from Academic Groups"

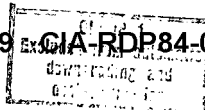
25X1 1. The undersigned together with [] this day attended a meeting
25X1 chaired by [] DD/I, on the subject of the handling of
25X1 briefing requests from academic groups. This meeting was called as a result
of [] being charged with responsibility to review this problem with
interested Agency elements and to prepare appropriate recommendations to
EDC with respect to the establishment and/or revisions of Agency policies
and procedures in the treatment of requests from academic groups for Agency
speakers and/or briefings.

2. The initial part of the meeting was devoted to a review by []
of the EDC's memo of 12 February 1969 and [] solicitation from
the assembled group of information concerning the history - in terms of
numbers and types - of academic briefing requests and the manner in which
such requests have been handled in the past.

25X1 3. Following this there was a brief discussion of the problems inherent
in briefings being given outside Agency premises as well as the difficulties
which could be encountered when, under present regulations, the responsibility
for the selection of speakers is the primary responsibility of OTR. This latter
point was one of DD/I's problems in non-concurring with a proposed revision
[] In this regard DD/I's point was that in those areas where the
substance of the briefing related to a basic DD/I responsibility, DD/I should
have primary responsibility in selecting and providing an appropriate speaker.
(It should be pointed out that DD/I had other problems concerning direct
requests to DD/I officers for briefings and these related problems also played
a part in their non-concurrence in the proposed revision of []

25X1 4. The general consensus of the group was that: a) the current regulation,
[] would provide a procedural mechanism for handling briefing requests
but that this regulation was certainly not being followed in every instance where
it applied; b) the current regulation, [] did require some revision to
answer problems with respect to the selection of speakers and also with respect

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to requests for briefings which were directed to individual Agency employees;
c) there was no clear statement of Agency position or policy with respect to the acceptance or rejection of requests from academic groups.

25X1 5. With respect to the establishment of an Agency policy with respect to requests for briefings, [] made the point which received general acceptance that Agency policy should be a positive one - that is a willingness to accept these requests unless there was some strong reason dictating rejection. At the same time [] felt strongly, and again the group was in general agreement, that these briefings should be given in Agency premises as opposed to Agency speakers going "outside" for such briefings.

25X1 6. The meeting concluded with agreement that: a) OTR would provide [] with ^{as much} ~~essential~~ data as possible on the history - including organizations briefed and the briefers - of requests of the subject nature presented to the Agency over the last three-year period; b) [] would prepare a draft of a reply to EDC's memo of 12 February 1969 and would reconvene this ad hoc committee to discuss such a draft on or about 6 March 1969.

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25X1 "1. Handling of Briefing Requests from Academic Groups: It was my understanding the revision of [] was being delayed because DD/I non-concurred on the basis of requests by outside or academic groups being made directly to specific individuals in DD/I. In the framing of the regulation this should present no problem with a simple caveat that if an outside group asks for a specific individual, particularly in DD/I, and the DD/I concurs in the individual as being properly representative for such a briefing that the name of that individual would be suggested to the Executive Director as the person to deliver the briefing rather than asking OTR to provide a speaker. We do wish to avoid a problem in the past where Agency officers were asked by outside groups to speak at public meetings and such officers did perform such briefings without specific approval of the request including their designation as the Agency speaker for that occasion. This is the guidance I refer to in relationship to the 12 February 1969 memorandum from Colonel White."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence**SUBJECT : Handling of Briefing Requests from
Academic Groups**

1. There are indications that current Agency procedures for handling briefing requests from academic groups are diverse and inconsistent. This situation is perhaps abetted by the absence of an explicit Agency policy expressed in Headquarters Regulations for the handling of this increasingly sensitive and important category of Agency contacts.

2. It is clear that well-conducted and frank discussions of the Agency and its general mission, and of the research, analysis, and estimative functions by high-ranking Agency officials contributes significantly to better understanding of the Agency and of intelligence, and opens new perspectives to university students contemplating their future careers. In the interest of general academic relations and to aid in attracting young men and women to careers in intelligence, procedures for Agency presentations to academic groups should be reviewed and refined.

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3. The activities which can be discussed with university groups are primarily matters related to the responsibilities of the Directorate of Intelligence. For this reason I ask that you review the problem of the Agency's handling of briefing requests from academic groups and, after consulting with other interested components, recommend the actions necessary to establish clear and effective Agency policy and procedures.

/s/

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